

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0020] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0020] With reference to FIG 3, a first embodiment of the valve cartridge 26 is provided and includes a first and second rotatable disk 50, 52, a first, second, and third stationary disk 54, 56, 58, and a first and second disk driver 60, 62. The first and second rotatable disks 50, 52 are generally cylindrical members and include a pair of ears 68 extending from an outer edge thereof. The first rotatable disk 50 includes first and second bore 64h, 66c while the second rotatable disk 52 similarly includes a first and second bore 64c, 66h. The first bores 64h, 64c include a generally arcuate surface 70 disposed opposite a straight or planer surface 72, whereby the arcuate surface 70 cooperates with the straight surface 72 to form the shape of a semicircular aperture. The second bores 66c, 66h are formed adjacent the first bores 64c, 64h and include an arcuate surface 74 formed between a pair of straight surfaces 76, as best shown in FIG 3. The pair of straight surfaces 76 cooperate with the arcuate surface ~~76~~ 74 to form a generally quartercircular or triangular-shaped aperture.

Please replace Paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0027] With reference to FIGS. 5 and 6, a coupling 100 is operable to connect the valve assembly 10 within a faucet neck 110. The coupling 100 includes a valve housing ~~402-101~~ and a cap ~~404~~103. The valve housing ~~402-101~~ is

generally cylindrical in shape with a portion of the sidewalls removed to afford access to the valve assembly 10 and specifically the extensions 88, 90. In this manner, valve housing ~~400~~101 is similar to valve body 12. The cap ~~404~~103 secures the valve ~~assembly~~body 12 within the valve housing ~~400~~101. A threaded interface ~~404~~107 is provided between the valve housing ~~400~~101 and the cap ~~402~~103. A set of external threads ~~400~~105 is also provided on cap ~~402~~103 to connect the coupling 100 within the faucet neck ~~400~~110.

Please replace Paragraph [0035] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0035] To control the temperature of the water flow, the second rotatable disk 52a includes bores 66c, 66h formed adjacent each other and include a generally triangular shape, as best shown in FIG 4. When the extension 90 is in contact with the first arm 30, cold water is permitted to flow through the first bore 66c. As a force is applied to the extension 90, the second rotatable disk 52a is caused to rotate, thereby allowing the second bore 66h to align with the second bore 16h of the bottom ~~plate~~portion 20. When the bore 66h aligns with the second bore 16h of the bottom ~~plate~~portion 20, a flow of hot water is permitted to flow through the second rotatable disk 52a. When the extension 90 is positioned such that it is disposed generally between the first and second arms 30, 32 a mixture of hot and cold water flows through the second rotatable disk 52a, thereby providing a generally warm stream of water exiting the outlet bore 42. Once the extension 90 contacts the second arm 32, the bore 66c is no longer

aligned with the first bore 16c of the bottom ~~plate~~portion 20 while the second bore 66h is perfectly aligned with the second bore 16h of the bottom ~~plate~~portion 20. In this regard, when the extension 90 contacts the second arm 32, the flow of water will be at its hottest temperature. In this manner, the first and second disks 50a, 52a allow for independent adjustment of both the temperature and flow rate of the water exiting the outlet bore 42.